The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Forestry Committee was called to order at 8:00 A.M., Wednesday December 19, 2018.

Present from the Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee were: Phil Schneider, Jerry Biller, Lyle Lieffring, Al Rathsack and Terry Dusell.

Also present: Jeremy Koslowski – Forest Administrator, Jerrad Macholl – Assistant Forest Administrator, Mike Zimmer – Parks Manager and Derek Jochimsen - DNR Liaison Forester.

Present from the Public: Bob Grunseth, Don Mansky and George Sihsmann.

Approval of Minutes:
Motion by DuSell/Lieffring to approve November 14, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion carried

Public Comment:
Public comment was given on the following:
- Chippewa property.
- Stewardship grant for ATV Trail crossing.
- Moose ear creek bridge installation.

Parks Report:
Mike, Parks Manager gave an update on the following;
- The Well house building construction is completed. Young Plumbing will continue throughout the winter on installation of water to sites from Well house.
- Twenty five (25) Picnic tables will be built by Flambeau School for Rusk County Parks.
- Assisting Snowmobile clubs with Final Maps for distribution.
- Working on three (3) DNR/County permits for bridges (Main Creek, Moose Ear and Little Soft Maple) on Snowmobile and ATV trails.

Motion by Biller/Lieffring to advertise for bids construction of Main Creek-Hawkins Bridge. Motion carried.

Timber Sale Report:
Jerrad, Assistant Forest Administrator gave an update on active Timber Sales in the County.

Administrators Report:
Jeremy, Administrator gave an update in the Forestry Department:
- Rusk County is looking strong for 2018 timber stumpage.
- Time standards with the DNR went down by13%. The DNR is going refigure the standards by acreage.
- Quarterly WCFA conference call was had.
- Discussion on the 15 year plan due in 2020.
- Annual Spring Meeting will be in Marshfield on March 14 and 15th.
• County Conservation Aid grant for Garlic Mustard was approved for "Rutt Road".
• Sustainable Forestry Grant was approved for a drone for recon.
• Park reservation system is proceeding forward.
• Gravel is crushing was completed by Golat.
• Wildlife Biologist was approved for Rough Grouse management area around Lea Lake.
• A turnaround was completed at the End of Stout Road by the Township of Wilkinson.

Access Permit:
• Suzan – Would like access by Josie Creek to cut for Dairyland Power.
  Motion by DuSell/Lieffring to grant access to Allen Suzan. Motion carried.
• Klein is logging off of Hause Road cutting a State Sale and would like access and deck wood on County Property.
  Motion by Rathsack/DuSell to grant access to Lionel Klein. Motion carried.

Advertise for gravel haul:
Betty Lake Road – A map was passed around to Committee to shown spots on Betty Lake Road that needs gravel.
Motion by Biller/Rathsack to put out for bids. Motion carried.

ATV Tracks purchase:
Approval by property. Motion by DuSell/Biller to purchase tracks. Motion carried.

Review 2018 Forestry Budgets:
Reviewed the Budget

Review and Approve Bills:
Motion by Lieffring/Rathsack to review and approve the bills. Motion carried.

Adjourn:
Motion by Lieffring/DuSell to adjourn at 8:53 a.m. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be January 16, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. at the Law Enforcement Center.